



Families with preschool aged children who meet or earn less than the current Federal Family Income Guidelines are eligible.

Do you have concerns that your 2 ½ to 5 year old child may be having difficulty with the development of one or more of the following:

- Speech and Language
- Concepts
- Socialization
- Self-Help Skills
- Motor Abilities
- Vision or Hearing
- IF SO ...

Please call
602-467-6013

to schedule an appointment for a Developmental Screening conducted by the Deer Valley Unified School District.

Deer Valley Head Start

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CLASSROOM LOCATIONS

Constitution Elementary
18440 N. 15th Ave.

Sunrise Elementary
17624 N. 31st Ave.

Village Meadows Elementary
2020 W. Morningside Dr.



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Curriculum Overview



DEER VALLEY HEAD START

In an effort to help each child and family feel comfortable in our classrooms, the Head Start Program uses several ideas to support a child's success in preschool. We call our model of how we work with children and families a "child and family centered approach."

We support children and their development towards success in Kindergarten through:

- Interactions with others by respecting and celebrating differences
- Mastering new ideas
- Making positive choices
- Developing, carrying out and building upon their ideas
- Learning from their mistakes and challenges
- Having a sense of joy and wonder as they discover that learning is fun

To support this process with the child, the teachers and staff will:

- Develop a relationship with the child and family
- Respect the fact that young children learn best while they are at play
- Provide a play oriented daily routine that recognizes the need to allow children the opportunity to choose an activity and discover how they can use their own ideas to make the activity meaningful to themselves and others
- Provide a safe and healthy classroom in which to work while at play
- Encourage each child to speak often and to share their ideas

To support the development of a relationship with the family, the teachers and staff will invite parents/guardians and extended family members to:

- Become a part of the team that supports their child at school
- Volunteer to help in the classroom or in other ways
- Offer their ideas for daily activities
- Help to develop goals for their child
- Routinely communicate any information that will help them to be successful with their child

Curriculum models that influence how Deer Valley Head Start works with families and children are:

- Best Practices as defined by:
 1. The Accreditation Standards of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
 2. The Federal Head Start Performance Standards
 3. Arizona Department of Education Early Childhood Standards
 4. Arizona Department of Health Services
- **Curiosity Corner Curriculum:** Promotes research-based teaching practices that align with state early learning standards.



"Can You Play With Me?"

How many times a day does your child ask this question? Children start "asking" this question before they can talk. They pull your leg, they reach out their arms, they hold out a toy and they ask..."Won't you play with me?" Take advantage of this invitation. You are your child's first teacher.

Taking time to play provides an ideal opportunity for parents to engage fully with their children. Play is one of the most effective ways to communicate with your child. It is not "extra time", it is essential time. Play is necessary for the cognitive, physical, social and emotional well-being of children.

Researchers say that play is powerful. Why? When children are playing they are focused, usually in a positive state of mind and enjoying what they are doing. Because it is fun, they do it again and again and again. Repetition forms habits and habits last a lifetime.

When you enter into play with your child, you can guide, listen, role model and teach. What a wonderful way to help your child succeed!